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## Ira Parker and George Sloan Win Honors in Speech Contest

"Democracy—the hope of the world"—"Freedom—our most precious possession"—"We must hold the torch of freedom high." The study hall rang with these patriotic words on the night of March 19, as the Junior-Senior declamation contest was held.

The contestants were George Sloan, Ransom White, Tony Edmonds, Wade Elam, Ira Parker, and Eddie Benson. Each of the boys did an excellent job. It was only after long deliberation that the judges were able to reach a decision. Ira Parker received first place and George Sloan was runner-up. Each boy in the contest deserves the hearty congratulations of all of us.

Although each speech was delivered in a different manner, the general theme of all the speeches was the same—America vs. Russia, democracy vs. communism. These conflicts were developed in different ways. The use of symbols was employed in the speeches of George Sloan and Ira Parker. The plow represented America and the hammer and sickle Russia in George's speech. Ira's speech used Cardinal Joseph Minzenty of Hungary as a symbol for democracy and the Hungarian People's Court as the symbol for communism.

Another way in which the conflict was developed was by the use of documents supporting each side—the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence on one side, and the Communist Manifesto on the other. The final and perhaps the most effective way the speeches were developed was through reference to Christianity. After all is said and done we owe our existence to God; we look for our hope in Christ above all else. Speaking in general by young men is a great aid to them. As Mrs. Campbell has said, "No matter what profession you choose, you will need to know how to speak well." Speaking on democracy in particular is a great aid to each of us. We the young people of America are its future. Through these speeches we learn about our heritage and the sacred duty we have to America. The glory of the hour of victory is great, but the value of the lesson learned is greater.

## Lasseler, Parker, Crowell Win Top Honors at Clarksville Contest

Saturday, March 30, MBA speakers took two first place trophies in the annual TDSL meet at Clarksville. Rollin Lasseler won the Middle Tennessee cup from last year's "extemp" champion, Ken Brigham of Cumberland High. Rollin's two topics were "The Suez—to whom should it belong?" and "Israel's Future!"

Ira Parker won the declamation cup from past winner Litton High. His talk was the same speech used in our Junior-Senior Declamation Contest, which Ira also won.

Frank Crowell took third place in the finals of the humorous reading division. Frank used a cutting from Connelly's play, *Green Pastures*, in this, his first contest try.

The two first place winners now have a chance to compete in the state meet in Memphis on April 27. Mrs. Campbell was quoted as saying that this was the first time MBA had brought home two first place trophies from the Clarksville contest.

## MBA Calendar

April 6, 7 Boys Hobby Fair  
April 11, 12, 13 Middle Tennessee Science Fair  
April 12 Mid-South Forensics in Atlanta  
April 15 MBA Auxiliary Meeting  
April 19 Second Six-Week Period Ends  
April 22-27 Banner Relys  
April 25, 26, 27 Golf (Southern Prep Tournament)  
April 25, 26, 27 Tennis (Southern Prep Tournament)  
April 27 Mid-South Forensics at Vanderbilt  
May 3 District Track Meet  
May 11 Regional Track Meet

## New Privilege List Announced

Seventy-nine boys have made the privilege list at the end of the first six weeks this term.

Any boy who has an average of 90 (seniors—85) or above, with no subject under 80, is eligible for the privilege list. The boys are entitled to study outside of study hall as long as their conduct permits. These boys deserve praise for their excellent work.

Seniors: Walter Bearden, John Brothers, Tony Brush, John Campbell, Runcie Clements, Emmett Dozier, Wade Elam, Ronnie Grubbs, Carl Hoffer, Russ Hooper, Clay Huddleston, Rollin Lasseler, Bob Marks, John Murphree, Brad Reed, George Sloan, Jodie Wallace, Caleb Wallwork, and Jim Wood.

Other high school students: Richard Appen, Carl Babb, Randy Barker, Bill Barr, Lionel Barrett, Dick Barry, Leighton Carmichael, Jim Cheek, Jack Collin, Ed Creagh, Lewis Dale, Eslick Daniel, Larry Davis, Tony Edmonds, Beau Estes, Garth Fort, Bobby Frist, Sam Glasgow, Kent Hamilton, Willie Hardison, Joe Howell, Don Houser, Ben Mayes, George McGugin, Tommy Murphree, Eddie Murrey, Craig Nielson, Ira Parker, Sam Pickering, Alex Porter, Wilson Prueher, Alan Purdy, Tommy Roberts, Sam Robertson, Mike Sheffield, John Siegfried, Paul Simpson, Robert Stanley, Edgar Uden, Allen Wallace, Bandy Wening, Robert White, Jeff Williams, John Witherspoon, Bobby Wood, and Billy Wood.

Eighth grade: Bill Campbell, Bob Evans, Ray Francis, Walter Hale, Coleman Harwell, Frank Hutchison, Bill Schwab, Tony Todd, Buddy Vaughn, David Walker, Chris Williams, and David Wilson.

Seventh grade: Ames Davis, George Huntley, Jeff Reuschle, Wilston Wattenbarger, and Kit Wharton.

## Freedom Forum Wins National Acclaim For Its Outstanding Contributions

The National Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, announced that MBA has won its third award in the last four years

## Emmett Dozier and Brad Reed Named 1957 Honor Graduates

The valedictorian and salutatorian of the Senior Class of 1957 have been announced by Dr. Sager. Emmett Dozier and Brad Reed were awarded these honors, and they will speak at the commencement exercises June 1. Both boys are highly deserving of the honors and are worthy representatives of the Senior Class.



Emmett Dozier



Brad Reed

Valedictorian Emmett Dozier has a four-year average of 96.07. A member of the Senior Honor Society, he has won four class medals during the last three years, winning the Latin and English medals his freshman year, the algebra medal his sophomore year, and the Spanish I medal last year. In addition to his scholastic honors, Emmett has earned two varsity football letters in addition to a junior varsity football letter for the year he served as captain. One of the most popular boys at MBA, he has been elected president of his Freshman Class, and vice-president of his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Classes. He is a member of the BELL staff, the Key Club, the Forensic Club, the Hi-Y Club, Totomoi Honor Society, the Monogram Club, and the Alpha Chi fraternity. He has not received even one demerit in his four years at MBA.

Brad Reed, salutatorian, has accumulated a vast store of honors during his four years on the hill. He attained salutatorian honors by maintaining a 95.7 four-year average, which automatically enrolled him in the Senior Honor Society. He holds the Ancient History and American History medals in addition to the English III medal. Brad serves as president of the Senior Class, president of the Alpha Chi Fraternity, lieutenant-governor of the district Key Club, editor of the BELL, and president of Totomoi. He is also a member of the Hi-Y Club, the Forensic Club, the BELL RINGER staff, the Monogram Club, and the tennis team. Brad is a former member of the Honor Council and has been elected president of his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Classes, attesting to his popularity among his fellow students.

## Bill Wade Addresses Forensic Club Meeting On Segregation Issue

On Wednesday, March 13, the Arthur Reeds' home was the scene of one of the most interesting meetings of the Forensic Club this year. Mr. Bill Wade, a good friend and alumnus of MBA, conducted the evening's discussion with the help of lawyer Clay Bailey, another well-known alumnus.

The problems of segregation and its effect on the present generation was the topic of discussion. After a devotional given by Wade Elam and Brad Reed, the discussion was opened by Mr. Wade with the facts on segregation in the world.

Mr. Bailey then told of the conditions in the United States, especially the legality of the Supreme Court decisions.

The boys in the club were called on to tell their views when the conditions in our section and more especially in Nashville were examined. The segregation issue was called by Mr. Bailey "the most talked about and least read (Supreme Court) decision." However, the boys all felt strongly about this question, and many constructive conclusions were reached.

Mr. Wade concluded by telling the group that no other issue would more affect this generation. Therefore, he urged the boys to read, discuss, and think. This would be their greatest help.



Photo courtesy of the Nashville Banner

Pictured above are the members of the Freedom Forums for this year: Ben Mayes, Tommy Murphree and Bill Barr, seated; George McGugin, Ransom White, Mrs. Norton Campbell, speech teacher, John Dale, and Ira Parker, second row; Jodie Wallace, Wade Elam, Bill Lightfoot, George Sloan, and Walter Bearden, third row.

for outstanding work in the general cause of freedom. The award, based on the work of the Junior and Senior Freedom Forums last year, carries with it a George Washington Honor Medal and an additional library award of books, films, and other teaching aids.

The boys on the two Freedom Forums that won the awards are Tommy Frist, Harry Lawson, Jim Perry, Jimmy Rule, Dick Sager, Dick Sobel, Walter Bearden, Wade Elam, Bill Lightfoot, George Sloan, Jodie Wallace, and Ransom White. Also on this year's Junior Forum are Bill Barr, John Dale, Ben Mayes, George McGugin, Tommy Murphree, and Ira Parker. Much credit should be given these boys and also to Mrs. Campbell, librarian and speech teacher, who not only organized the two forums but collected and sent in the necessary materials to the Freedom Foundation as well.

Included in the materials which Mrs. Campbell submitted was a complete scrapbook of all the activities of the two Freedom Forums of this year and last. The scrapbook contained pictures taken by the BELL RINGER photographer of the members of the two forums speaking at different high schools and civic clubs such as Bellevue, Cohn, Harpeth Hall, Rotary Club, Optimist Club, and others. In addition to pictures taken by our staff photographer, the scrapbook contained pictures and write-ups taken from the two Nashville papers.

It is significant that the winners of the awards were announced on the birthday of the Father of our Country, George Washington.



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## The True Meaning of Easter

Men may scoff at Easter, calling it a pagan revel, a last vestige of medieval superstition. They may pass laws to prohibit it, as did the Puritans of England in the seventeenth century. They may revile it as another example of our commercialization. Men may do all these things, but still the churches are full on this day, and the feast has lived centuries beyond the ideas of these men.

Why has Easter always been so much a part of our year? It is not because of the eggs, bunnies, new hats, parades, and other customs that surround the day. No, Easter has lived because it is the celebration of the gift of life unto mankind. After the great atonement for our sins, Christ himself returned to men to assure them of the greatest of hopes—eternal life. This is Easter; this is the true meaning of the feast. Can we scoff at its trappings, can we prohibit its abuses? These things have no meaning, or even existence, when compared to the truth we celebrate that day.

## The BELL Prepares A Picture Of School Life on MBA Campus

Have you ever noticed how your BELL is composed? Besides having a front and back, it has quite a few pages on the inside of things to remember. Yes, on the inside of your BELL you are going to find five sections of the important facts. Under "Administration" the pictures, names, degrees, honors, and duties of the faculty will be set down that the future may not forget.

Next, one would reach the section "Classes." Here, spread before you in a glorious panorama of characters, names, accomplishments, familiarities, and abilities will be the Senior Class. No name or face will escape the eye of the yearbook compositors as all the classes—Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen, Microbes—all will look out at the reader just as their faces were captured by the uncompromising cameras of Jean Sardon's Studio. Each class will be preceded by a picture of their class officers as well as memories and impressions that the graduating seniors have of that class.

"Organizations" record faithfully the membership and records of each school group. You will note a repetition of faces in these pictures which may be due to that infectious disease spread by The Great-American-Joiner. However, on close observation, a look of happy contentedness will be seen on the faces of all those in the various clubs. Key Club, Hi-Y, Forensic, BELL RINGER, BELL, Totomol, Monogram—all the clubs and groups will be portrayed in their natural habitats. Truly, this section will be an excellent essay on the herd instincts of the wild

animals found on the MBA campus. Then we shall come to the section devoted to "Athletics." No team will be omitted, either the baseball or tiddie-winks varieties. Enlivened by the cartoon work of Bob Marks, the section will give us action shots of important games, coach's greatest moments, and even close-ups of our star AAA champion football team. What a treat to open to these pages of sparkling informality after the propriety of the classroom! Scores will be accurately recorded and preserved for our future reference! All kinds of pictures will be included for use in future BELL RINGERS!

Under the section "Features," we may expect both humor and sobriety. There will be dancing bears, and talking dogs, trained fleas, and waiting rats. Everyone may expect his interest to be covered here. Yes, even girls will be presented as the Senior Sponsors go in this section! Homecoming will be relived with portraits of the court and photos of the parade. Senior Superlatives will turn their eyes on the reader from the first of this section, and everywhere will be old friends and memories.

Brad Reed, BELL editor, and his assistant Ed Cragh have published the annual of annuals! Down into the drainpipes of history will go the stirring verses of the staff poets! Advertisements will spar with the calendar and Last Will of the Senior Class for positions of favor at the end of the annual. We can hardly wait! Bring on the annual!

Of recreation there is none  
So free as fishing is, alone;  
All other pastimes do no less  
Than mind and body both possess:  
My hand alone my work can do;  
So, I can fish and study too.

—Wm. Basse

The first signs of spring—budding trees, blooming flowers, and April showers have had a noticeable effect on some MBA students. Among the first ones to respond to this "call of the wild" was a group of noble seniors who had a picnic in the park. Clay Huddleston, Runcie Clements, Johnny Murphree, and Courtney Marshall all agreed that spring was really here.

Another sure sign of spring were the bald-headed freshmen who were seen exhibiting their works of art. The scholarly trend seemed to be the fad of the day as Tony Scoville so ably demonstrated with his question mark cut. Among the other freshmen were Russell Hart, who had a modified poodle cut; Bobby Frist who had the parallel caterpillar cut; and last but not least was Alan Wallace, whose headgear greatly resembled one of our beloved faculty.

The vigilantes of Brighton Road are finally breaking up one of their most loyal members, Bill Lightfoot, is moving to Jocelyn Hollow.

Congratulations to Ira Parker, winner of the Junior-Senior speech contest.

The Seventh and Eighth Grade classes recently took a trip to the Nashville Bridge Company where Mr. A. I. Myhr, Jr. showed them how everything worked and operated. They saw the launching of five boats.

The Hi-Y team composed of Brad Reed, George McGugin, Johnny Murphree, Laird Smith, Robin Beard, James Wood, Ed Herbert, Allen Bryan, Frank Cole, and Russell Hooper, defeated mighty Hillsboro in the finals of the Hi-Y tournament, thus, gaining the right to participate in the Southern meet at Atlanta on March 30. Under the able coachmanship of Bill Parish, Allen Wallace, and Ronnie Grubbs the team managed to sneak past the Burros eight points.

The Senior Freedom Forum, chaperoned by Mrs. Campbell, took a trip to Chattanooga, where they spoke at the Brainerd Kiwanis Club. The members of the forum, Jodie Wallace, Wade Elam, Ransom White, Bill Lightfoot, George Sloan, and Walter Bearden, had many tales to tell of their stay.

Not to be outdone by the seniors, the Junior Freedom Forum consisting of Ben Mayes, Ira Parker, John Dale, Tommy Murphree, and George McGugin have planned a trip to Columbia.

Mr. Rule's Trigonometry class was privileged to have Jimmy Rule, an alumnus and son of Mr. Rule, give a lecture on Analytical Geometry.

Congratulations to Emmett Dozier and Brad Reed, who won the honors of Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively.

David Patterson has learned the hard way that you should never lose your head over a girl (he almost did!). While chasing some of his girl friends, he ran into a clothesline; and it took nine stitches before the damage was repaired.

## The Rebel Yells

During the spring holidays many boys made trips to all parts of the country. Among the boys who visited Florida are Brad Reed, George McGugin, John Brothers, Jodie Wallace, Walter Bearden, Runcie Clements, Jeff Edwards, Johnny Campbell, Tom Husband, Pat Wilson, Bill Cheek, and Russell Hooper.

As the sap rises it brings out the excess of energy of the boys, who put it to use by rioting at lunch periods. The sophomores seem to doubt the supremacy of the seniors and challenged them to a free-for-all. Under the scrutinizing eye of the "referee" Tom Husband everyone came out alive.

Congratulations to Billy Hunter and Jim Thurman who were recently elected co-captains of the track team.

## Study Distractions

by Alan Purdy

Should there be reasons for not being able to settle down to study? There are indeed many types of distractions. Here are a few of them.

It is rather easy to find one's self in the "missing materials" category. It may be that such a pupil has no pencil or paper, and he may even be without his textbook.

A radio will bother a person if it is playing, for it is difficult to concentrate on a subject when one is thinking about the music coming through the speaker. Music from the phonograph along with little brother's practicing on the piano would fall into this same category.

When one is in a place where he is in contact with any other member of the family, he is bound to be disturbed, for the others are going to be doing something entirely different from that which he is doing.

Then, hunger may set in, or so it may be thought, therefore a remedy is in order. After having eaten to satisfaction, one finds that the television program is so very interesting that he just must see it. The telephone is another successful device of putting off studying, for, if not called, one can call. Maybe calling about lessons is the purpose in the beginning; perhaps, not. In many cases, however, the conversation usually ends purely as a social talk.

There may be other temporary distractions, such as household pets wanting attention, or the anticipation of the striking of the grandfather clock; but in my opinion the greatest hindrance to study is the lack of concentration. When thoughts wander, study cannot be accomplished. When one thinks about what happened last Saturday night and what he hopes will happen this Saturday, he is not going to learn anything about tomorrow's lessons.

Lack of organization can be set as the cause of "missing materials"; and most of the other distractions can be accredited to selecting the wrong place of study. Having little self-control is the cause of wandering thoughts; many pupils think of what they wish to think instead of what they should.

To do something about these hindrances, one should begin by satisfying all inner pains beforehand; and he should get the telephoning out of the way if it has to be done. Next, he should make sure that he has all the materials that will be needed throughout the evening. He should choose a place in which all the conditions will be good for studying, such as being out of ear-shot from any radios, phonographs, grandfather clocks, and noisy members of the family.

Finally, if a person sets his mind to studying and only studying, he will be able to do a greater amount of work in less time. He will at the same time be getting more from it, for concentration is the key to studying.

## Inquiring Reporter

Question: If you could make one change at MBA, what would it be?

EDMUND BALL—"Instead of having Saturday school, have boys come back in the afternoon after school."

JOHN CLAY—"Eliminate the sixty merit limit."

JIM WOOD—"Add some courses, such as typing and driver's training."

JIMMY HAYES—"Build a bigger and better lunchroom."

ALLEN BRYAN—"Drop the demerit system."

RALPH CHANDLER—"Have a television set in the honor room."

TOM HUSBAND—"Make the lunch period longer."

WYLIE McDOUGALL—"Move study hall outside."

JACKIE HOOPER—"Make the school hours from nine o'clock until two o'clock."

LARRY ROBERTS—"Add girls."

WALTON WILLIAMS—"Have bigger desks in study hall."

BILL BARR—"Have better assembly programs."

CLAY HUDDLESTON—"Build escalators up to study hall."

BUDDY COLE—"Have a rest period after lunch."

JOHN BROTHERS—"Build a shelter from main building to study hall so boys wouldn't get wet when it is raining."

JOHN WITHERSPOON—"Pur-nish study hall with beds for those who would rather sleep than study."

BANDY WENNING—"Have longer gym periods."

ROBERT STANLEY—"Cut all classes to forty-five minutes."

OMER JORDAN—"Have more holidays."

BEN MAYES—"Construct three more basketball goals."

RUNCIE CLEMENTS—"Improve the looks of the campus. Plant some flowers around the tennis courts."

WADE ELAM—"Install a closed circuit television system, in order that 'sick' students may be taught at home."

BRAD REED—"Build a bomb shelter."

WALTER BEARDEN—"Combine Harpeth Hall and MBA."

BILLY BLEVINS—"Clean up the study hall."

JODY WALLACE—"Install reclining desks."

DICK WILLIAMS—"Lower privilege list grade to 85."

TONY EDMONDS—"Disregard chewing gum rule."

JOHN CARPENTER—"Paint the lunchroom green."

## New Books in The Library

Career Planning for High School Students—William J. Reilly

The Voice of Bugle Ann—MacKinlay Kantor

Reach for the Sky—Paul Brickhill

The ABC's of Play Producing—Howard Bailey

Seven Kings of England—Geoffrey Freese

Humorous Introductions for Emcees—Lawrence M. Bringo

Occupations and Careers—Walter James Greenleaf

A Single Pebble—John Hersey

The Raiders—William E. Wilson

The Tenth Wonder—Atomic Energy—Carleton Pearl

Our Valiant Few—F. van Wyck Mason

Communism in Our World—John C. Caldwell

The Scotswoman—Ingils Fletcher

Faith Made Them Champions—Norman Vincent Peale

The Atomic Submarine—John Leavelle

The Art of Real Happiness—Norman Vincent Peale and Smiley Blanton

True Adventure of Spies—Manuel Komroff

The Good Shepherd—C. S. Forester

Laughter Incorporated—Bennett Cerf

Stage Technique Made Easy—Selma Paley Morozco and Althea Lounsbury



## Maroons Begin Fourth Track Season

Spring has sprung, and Maroon tracksters are taking advantage of the mild weather to get in shape for the fourth season of track competition at the school. It is generally agreed that MBA will have the team to beat in the NIL, although many records have been set by Maroon tracksters who were lost via graduation. Returning from last year's regional champs are sprinters Jim Thurman and Billy Hunter; 880 and relay men John Clay and David Duke; milers Ransom White, Gene Shelton, and Tommy Murphree; shot putters Tom Husband, John Muse, and Johnny Murphree; and broad jumper and discus hurler Courtney Marshall. A newcomer, to track at least, is golfer Buddy Foxall, whose prowess with the steel ball will be a big factor in the gaining of precious points for the Maroons.

The big event of the season around Middle Tennessee is the Banner Relays, scheduled this year for April 23, 24, and 25, at the Tennessee Prep track. The Maroons, who have dominated the games since their origination in 1953, will be under tremendous pressure in defending their championship. The Midstate Regional meet is scheduled for May 11, after preliminary district competition, and the Maroons hope to send some point makers to the TSSAA State track meet, also at TPS on May 18.

Weak spots, if any, on the team, will probably be in the mile and pole vault. The loss of miler Philip Boyd will be felt, but Coach Owen is looking for others to fill his shoes. In any event, all indications seem to point to another successful season on the cinders for MBA.

### Maroon Track Records

Track, the fastest growing sport in the NIL, has been dominated by MBA ever since NIL track began in 1954. In the past three years the Maroons have made a clean sweep of all the district meets and the Banner Relays. The Harding Road track, however, failed to win all three regional meets, losing one by two-fifths of a point. Last year the Big Red made its best showing in the State Meet, compiling a total of 15 points. This was higher than the score of any other Mid-State team.

Since the dual meets have already begun, MBA track fans will be noticing some of the times of their team and will want to know

### Baseball Team Has High Hopes as Practice Begins

As a new season rolls around, the baseball boxes of the Big Red rest largely on an inexperienced but spirited squad. MBA's hopes of a fast start in the NIL race were dampened by the untimely injury to fireballing Billy Gerald. Billy will not see action for at least two weeks after the opening game, which is slated for April 5. Contending for his position in the early games are veteran Dick Williams and newcomers Reau Estes, Jack Hall, and Todde Gerald. Coach Barker is also eyeing Dick Williams and Jack Hall to bolster the catching staff which is comprised of Walton Williams and Jimmie Killebrew.

In addition to Billy Gerald and Dick Williams the only other lettermen are infielders John Dale and Doug Conwell. Hoping also to gain a starting berth in the infield are Robert Stanley, Billy Crawford, Carl Babb, and Bucky Friar.

The outfield positions will be filled by Eddie Benson, Buddy Cole, Anders Myhr, Billy Whitmer, Steve Garrett, John Garrett, and Bob Mathes.

how these compare with past school records.

#### School Records

- 1954—Jack Herbert  
100 yd. Dash—10.04 sec.
- 1955—Jack Herbert  
220 yd. Dash—23.6 sec.
- 1956—Ivan Brown  
440 yd. Run—52.3 sec.
- 1955—Todd Burwell  
880 yd. Run—2:11.2
- 1956—Phillip Boyd  
1 mile Run—4:42.2
- 1956—Mack Rolfe  
180 yd. Low Hurdles—20.9 sec.
- 1956—Mack Rolfe  
120 yd. High Hurdles—15.3 sec.
- 1955—Billy Hunter, Don Chicky, Jimmy Gardner, Jack Herbert  
880 yd. Relay—1:35.5
- 1956—Ivan Brown, David Duke, Billy Hunter, Jim Thurman  
1 mile Relay—3:37.1
- 1956—David Duke, Jim Thurman, Mack Rolfe, Ivan Brown  
Sprint Medley Relay—1:40.6
- 1955—Todd Burwell, Al Strayhorn, Joe Lucky, Butch McDaniel  
2 mile Relay—8:46.3
- 1956—Tom Husband  
Shot Put—40' 11"
- 1955—Whitney Waugh  
Discus—138' 8"
- 1955—Henry Hurt  
High Jump—5' 6"
- 1955—Billy Epps  
Broad Jump—19' 9"

Out of the preceding records, the following are NIL records: 100 yd. dash, Jack Herbert; 180 Low Hurdles, Mack Rolfe; 120 yd. High Hurdles, Mack Rolfe; Discus, Whitney Waugh.



Photo by Eddie White

The Microbe softball team is pictured above. First row, left to right: Coleman Harwell, Bill Cheek, Frank Chandler, Edmund Ball, John Myhr, George Hundley. Second row: Charley Ransom, David Walker, Bill Shwab, Ira Reese, Tony Todd, Phil Hendrickson, Bill Campbell, Ames Davis, Wilson Wattenbarger, Steve Ward, Cam McCoy, Buddy Vaughn, Meredith Caldwell, Kit Wharton, Howard Dickinson.

## Successful Season Prospects Feature Microbe Softball Practice

Spring training for the Microbe softball team began March 1, and 30 boys turned out for the try-outs. After three weeks of practice, an exhibition game was played with the freshmen.

### MBA Tennis Team Ready to Defend Crown

The Montgomery Bell Academy tennis team will go after its fourth consecutive city title this spring when the league schedule starts early in April. The Big Red netters will be overwhelming favorites this year due to the fact that schools which seriously threatened last year graduated their top players. Gone will be Averbush, Riven, Stooke, and the other top threats.

David Lipscomb high school will be expected to offer the strongest opposition by the return of last year's team almost intact. Hillsboro may also be a threat with some fine young players coming along.

In addition to the local league schedule, the Reds will play McCallie School here April 13 and University High of Memphis on the local courts April 17.

The team has been entered in the Southern Interscholastic Invitation Meet in Chattanooga April 24-27.

The Microbes will open the official season play against Parmer April 11. Following Parmer, they will battle Julia Green, H. G. Hill, and Woodmont in pursuit of the Eastern League crown. The winner of the Eastern Division will meet the winner of the Western Division at the end of the season.

The contenders for the nine positions include pitchers Frank Hutchison, Bill Cochran, and Bill Campbell, catchers Bob Evans and Ira Reese, and first basemen Bill Cheek and Ralph Chandler. Hoping to fill the remaining positions in the infield are Chris Williams, Pat Wilson, John Myhr, Buddy Vaughn, Wilson Wattenbarger, and Edmund Ball. Battling for the three outfield positions are Bill Shwab, David Walker, Charley Ransom, Phil Hendrickson, Steve Ward, Tony Todd, Ray Francis, Coleman Harwell, John Marshall, Ames Davis,

and Cam McCoy.

The team staff is composed of manager Meredith Caldwell, assistant manager George Hundley, and bat-boy Kit Wharton. The Microbes are coached by Mr. Frank Novak.

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## Civitan Club Sponsors Contest

The Civitan Club is sponsoring a contest for the best essays written on the topic, "The Home, The First School of Citizenship." Five essays were chosen by members of the faculty from those written by the Senior Class to be entered in this contest. These were written by Walter Bearden, Bob Marks, George Sloan, Rollin Lasseter, and Ransom White.

The essays will be sent to the Civitan Club in Nashville to be

judged. The following awards will be made to local award winners.  
1st Place—\$50.00 Bond  
2nd Place—\$25.00 Bond  
3rd Place—\$10.00 Cash  
Best essay in each school—\$5.00 cash.

The best local essay will be sent to compete in the district contest. The winning essay there will then be sent to compete for the international awards. Following is one of the essays.

### The Home, The First School of Citizenship

by Walter Bearden

All of us are familiar with Dennis the Menace, the popular cartoon character whose humorous antics have won him a niche in the hearts of Americans from coast to coast. He is the epitome of millions of mischievous youngsters all over the country.

A vital question which comes to mind concerning these typical youngsters is: What type of citizens will these children grow up to be? These children, representing the hope of the future, will possess character that will be in direct proportion to the merits of the environment they live in. Environment probably contributes more than any other single factor to the character of the child, and the home constitutes the first and foremost part of our environment.

What are the governing characteristics of a good home? There was a popular song circulating a few months ago that began "You can tell when there's love in a home." Certainly love is the most important trait of a congenial family life, and a discerning person can tell by the attitudes of the members of the family whether there is harmony among them. Not every house is a home. Only in houses where the inhabitants respect and honor each other does a bona fide home exist. Finally, in order for a real family unity to exist, each member must be loyal to the family, and each member must be sincere in his relations with each separate individual. He must also be reliable and adhere closely to his assigned duties, in addition to cooperating unselfishly with joint family projects.

Several of these characteristics warrant closer examination. For example, unless each person respects and honors the other members of his family, a closely-knit family life is inconceivable. Frequently people become so intrigued with their own selfishly motivated interests that they exclude others from their thoughts, and consequently, a mutual loss of respect results. The mark of a successful person is the respect he commands from others, in addition to the respect he shows for others. Just as lessons are taught at school, so examples of respect among the family members should be given at home. Respect for others begins with the birth of a child and continues until his death. Children should be taught to respect their parents, their brothers and sisters, and any visitors who may come to the house, including servants. Children should not use their parents simply as a source of livelihood, but they should respect their parents' decisions and desires. In a child's first vocabulary the most essential words should include "please," "thank you," and "yes sir."

Another vital requisite for a fruitful home life is individual sincerity among the family members.

Too many people today say things that they do not mean and make promises that they have no intention of keeping. This ostensible attempt at sincerity will eventually lead others to discredit whatever such persons may say. Honesty at home operates on the same principle as honesty at school. For example, a child should be taught not to use toys that belong to his brothers and sisters unless he obtains their permission. Likewise, when a child finds an object that does not belong to him, he should be taught to return it to its owner.

Equally important, cooperation is also vitally necessary to those striving toward a common goal, as in the family. A business corporation must obtain a high degree of cooperative effort and efficiency from its employees before it can achieve its goals. Similarly this principle holds true in the home where the individuals must unite for the common good, as when the family takes a trip, plans the budget, or buys a new house. All these family projects require intensive cooperation on the part of each individual.

Saint Paul explained the duties of a citizen as fourfold: "To honor all men; to love the brotherhood; to honor the king; to fear God." If we are going to honor and love all men, in the home as well as elsewhere, we have to acquire true charity as defined by Saint Paul: "Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up. Charity never faileth." Charity defined thus is really tolerance, an essential for good citizenship.

To honor the king consists of obeying and advocating the laws of the state. But the fourth requirement, to fear God, is the basis of the other three. A home without religion is not a home at all; it is merely a farce. Thomas Hardy puts it this way: "Man, without religion, is the creature of circumstances." Unless each and every member of a family has deep-set, profound religious convictions, the family cohesion is in dire danger of becoming non-existent.

As a person leaves his childhood environment and crosses the threshold into a life new and strange, he is indeed fortunate if he can look to his home training as the basis for echoing the words of David's Twenty-third Psalm, which gives hope for the future: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." As Carl Sandburg said that "Freedom is a coat worn to protect us," similarly a spirit of good citizenship obtained in the home will shield us from evil for the remainder of our lives.



Photo courtesy of the Nashville Tennessean  
Members of the Freshman Class entertained recently at an informal party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Frist on Bowling Avenue. Among the freshmen and their dates seen at the affair, from left, are Frank Cherry, Puddy Greenleaf, Linda Glover, Willie Harrison, Sam Glasgow, Ellen Maddox, Craig Nelson, and Jimmy Killebrew.

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